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of plague. Pilgrims are subjected to ten days' observation and disinfection of effects in quarantine camps specially constructed and equipped before being conveyed by train to the place of embarkation. Each receives a health pass. During the voyage the pilgrims are cared for on board ship. The sanitary conditions of the headquarters at Chittagong, which are designed for 800 people, and in which the larger number of pilgrims, 1,338 persons, have passed their time of detention, has been reported as in good condition. In order to prevent the introduction of plague into the camp, each person on arrival is subjected to medical inspection.

EGYPT.—The Government has ordered an oversight by coast guards of all ways of egress from the Red Sea. This measure is put into effect for the coast line of the Red Sea from May 1 and for the Suez Canal from May 15. By this means an unbroken chain of guard will stretch along the Port Said-Suakim line. Each guard shall consist of an officer and 2 soldiers. No returning pilgrims shall be permitted to enter Egypt until they have completed their quarantine in the camps at Tor. At the same time a number of coast steamers are to cruise in the Red Sea to prevent any secret landing of pilgrims who have no sanitary pass.

HONGKONG.—According to advices of April 12, the sanitary authorities at Hongkong have declared district No. 9 of the city of Victoria to be plague infected.

SANITARY REPORTS FROM THE CENTRAL AMERICAN AND COLOMBIAN FRUIT PORTS.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Belize.—Acting Assistant Surgeon Knight reports June 1, that the sanitary condition of Belize is good, with malarial fevers quite prevalent. During the week ended June 1 there were 2 deaths in the town of Belize. Seven vessels were inspected at that port during the month of May.

COLOMBIA.

Bocas del Toro.—Act. Asst. Surg. H. B. Mohr reports, June 3, as follows:

I have the honor to submit report for the week ended Friday, June 2, 1899.

The following vessels have sailed from this port during the week: May 27, steamship *Fulton*, 14 crew, to New Orleans, no passengers; steamship *Kitty*, 19 crew, to Mobile, no passengers. May 31, steamship *John Wilson*, 17 crew, to Mobile, 3 passengers. June 1, steamship *España*, 14 crew, to New Orleans, 1 passenger.

The health conditions of this port and the surrounding country continue very satisfactory. Continued heavy rains and unusually high tides have had a very cleansing effect. Physicians report very few cases of malaria, and those only of the mildest form. Only 1 death occurred during the week, a female, native, from cerebral hemorrhage.

I have been struck by the rarity of enteric troubles here, which is remarkable when the poor and often badly prepared food on which the majority of the people subsist is considered. A competent practitioner tells me that gastric and enteric complaints among infants and children are seldom met with in his practice.

There has been quite an influx of foreigners, chiefly from the United